## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for the reply to the July 18, 2001 Office Action be extended by three months, i.e., to up to and including January 18, 2002. Submitted herewith is a check for $460.00 in payment of the fee therefor; and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

## AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 6 and 7 without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition for therapy for preventing or treating restenosis and/or atherosclerosis comprising a protein agent for inhibiting VEGF and a protein agent for inducing vessel maturation.

3. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the protein agent for inhibiting VEGF is a soluble VEGF receptor.

4. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the protein agent for inducing vessel maturation comprises angiopoeitin-1.

5. (Amended) The composition of claim 3 wherein the vessel maturation inducer comprises angiopoeitin-1.

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9. (Amended) A kit for formulating a composition for preventing or treating atherosclerosis or restenosis as claimed in claim 1 by admixture comprising the protein agent for inhibiting VEGF and the protein agent for inducing vessel maturation.

10. (Amended) The kit of claim 9 wherein the protein agent for inhibiting VEGF inhibitor and the protein agent for inducing vessel maturation are in separate containers.